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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR.

George W. Mann.

TOWN CLERK.

James H. Keyser.

SELECTMEN.

Lebina H. Parker,

Albert W. Morrill,

William W. Eastman.

TREASURER.

Orman L. Mann.

COLLECTOR.

James H. Keyser.

SUPERVISORS.

Orman L. Mann,

Solomon J. Hutchins.

William I. Eastman.

AUDITORS.

William Kendall,

C. A. Veazey.

SEXTONS.

Orman L. Mann,

Silas H. Chamberlain.

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

Lebina H. Parker.

HIGHWAY AGENTS.

Orman L. Mann,

Delden H. Tibbitts.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

William Kendall,

Orman L. Mann.

LIBARIAN.

Ruth J. Veazey.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

George H. Clark.

James H. Keyser,

William Kendall.

SCHOOL BOARD.

Ruth J. Veazey,

Fred M. Tyler,

Minnie S. Nutter.

REPORT.

Annual Report of the town officers for the year ending
Feb. 15, 1900 : Abstract of receipts and disbursements.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1899,	\$ 31 87
Total receipts during the year,	2,222 38
	\$2,254 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements during the year,	\$2,063 01
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1900,	191 24
	\$2,254 25

DEBT.

Assets, Feb. 15, 1899,	997 18	
Liabilities, " "	864 15	
Balance in favor of town, Feb. 15, 1899,		\$ 133 03
Assets, Feb. 15, 1900,	\$ 862 38	
Liabilities, " "	738 59	
Balance in favor of town,		\$123 79
Decrease of balance during the year,		9 24

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 15, 1899,	\$ 31 87
Received of J. H. Keyser, collector for 1899,	1,589 88
" " " 1898,	97 49
Railroad tax,	22 86

Savings bank tax,	\$83 71
Literary Fund,	29 07
Town Clerk, issuing dog licenses,	21 60
Herman Morrill, redemption of D. D. Page place, to date,	100 00
St. Johnsbury bank, redemption of S. S. Bartlett lot No. 40, G, to date,	35 55
Joseph Ramsey, redemption, home- stead, 98 tax,	11 15
G. W. Chapman estate, redemption of half Tibbitts place, J. M. Wil- liams and Chapman land,	63 12
Mrs. John Fackney, redemption, homestead, 93 tax,	2 33
Lewis French, redemption homestead, 98 tax,	12 92
Chester Abbott, redemption Arthur Curtis 7 acres, F. Hill farm to date,	12 72
L. H. Parker, redemption E. C. French homestead, 96 tax,	2 79
E. B. Mann, redemption Moose- hillock hotel property, 98 tax,	18 00
Edward Woods, redemption C. L. Page farm, to date,	80 00
W. W. Eastman, redemption estate of Mrs. B. M. Tyler, homestead tax, 1897,	12 80
E. A. Mardin, redemption homestead tax, 1899,	9 48
Sam Howe, redemption homestead tax, 1899,	16 92
	\$2,254 25

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

J. H. Keyser, Clerk.

To copying sixty-five pages,	\$16 25
Drawing Jurors in Sept.,	1 50
“ “ Feb.,	1 50
Attending revising Juror box,	1 00
Receiving, recording, and returning Marriages, births and deaths,	2 50
Express,	15
Stationary and postage,	1 00
Making certificates,	1 36
	\$25 26
Discount,	5 26
	\$20 00

L. H. Parker, First Selectman.

1899.		
April 3.	To 2 days taking inventory,	\$ 3 00
“ 15.	1 “ making taxes,	1 50
May 13.	Recording invoice,	5 00
Aug. 19.	1 day looking after forest fire,	1 50
1900.		
Feb. 16.	2 days settling and making reports,	3 00
		\$14 00

A. W. Morrill, Second Selectman.

1899.		
April 3.	To 2 days taking inventory,	3 00
“ 15.	1 “ making taxes,	1 50
1900.		
Feb. 14, 15, 16,	3 days settling,	4 50
		\$9 00

W. W. Eastman, Third Selectman.

1899.

April 3.	To 2 days taking inventory,	\$3 00
“ 15.	2 “ making invoice and taxes,	3 00
May 5.	1 “ settling S. S. Bartlett,	
	damages,	1 50
Aug. 19.	1 “ looking after forest fire,	1 50
1900.		
Feb. 16.	2 “ settling and making reports,	3 00
		\$12 00

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS.

J. H. Keyser, Collector,	35 00
O. L. Mann, town treasurer,	10 00
“ “ disposing of town lands,	2 50
“ “ supervisor,	2 25
S. J. Hutchins, “	2 25
W. I. Eastman, “	2 25
G. H. Clark, board of health,	2 20
F. M. Tyler, day police,	2 00
“ “ “	1 00
	\$59 45

SCHOOL OFFICERS' BILLS.

R. J. Veazey, chairman of school board,	\$20 00
O. L. Mann, clerk and treasurer,	4 00
F. M. Tyler, enumerator,	5 00
	\$29 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

C. E. Caswell, printing reports,	13 20
H. H. Elliott, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
R. J. Veazey, chairman, school board, school money,	300 00

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R. J. Veazey, chairman, for books and supplies,	\$63 04
S. S. Bartlett, damage to horse,	10 00
D. H. Tibbitts, work on cemetery,	5 00
William Kendall, library trustee,	15 00
Ella J. Mann, land to enlarge cemetery,	15 00
A. W. Morrill, cash paid out for freight and help,	1 50
L. H. Parker, for two scrapers and cash paid out	12 88
“ use of building for clerk,	15 00
J. H. Keyser, land bills,	104 81
“ birth certificates,	75
E. M. Miller, reporting death,	25
O. L. Mann, cash paid out recording deeds,	3 40
R. J. Veazey, dog and literary money for schools,	43 07
O. L. Mann, balance for chairs for hall,	4 71
Cash paid interest on orders,	13 07
State tax,	195 50
County tax,	224 56
Paid outstanding orders of 1898,	157 00
Total paid out,	\$2,063 01

REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS.

O. L. Mann.

Mar.	W E Fitts, 1 d, 1 h with team, at \$3.00	3 30
	“ 2 d, 4 h, at 15c	3 60
	A Spooner, 2 d labor at 15c	3 00
	James Crimmins, 1 1-2 d and team, breaking roads,	4 50
	James Crimmins, 2 d	3 00
	D H Tibbitts, 1 1-2 d and team, breaking road	4 50
	S J Hutchins, work on bridge	2 40

	F M Tyler, 11 h breaking roads	\$1 65
	O L Mann, 6 h, self and team	2 10
	J Spinney, 4 h at 15c	60
	L A Collins, 2 h and team	60
	J S Annis, 6 h	90
	S H Chamberlin, 2 h	30
	D M Howe, 1 1-2 h	22
April.	E. E. Merrill, 1 d, 9 1-2 h, breaking roads	2 92
	O L Mann, 2 d, 2 h	3 30
	J Spinney, 5 h	50
	L A Collins, 7 h and team	2 10
	George Brill, 6 1-2 h and team	1 95
	F M Wells, 2 h	30
	G H Clark, 1 h	15
	H R Howe, 2 h	30
	K L Howe, 2 h	30
	C B Tyler, 4 h	60
May.	O L Mann, 1 d, 3 h at 15c	1 95
	W S Nutter, 3 h	45
	J Spinney, 1 d, 5 h	2 25
	W M Mardin and team, 9 3-4 h	2 90
June.	O L Mann, 22 d	33 00
	W S Nutter and team, 18 d and 7 h	56 10
	W M Mardin " 2 d	6 00
	L A Collins and team, 12 d, 5 h	37 50
	S H Chamberlin, 10 d, 7 h	16 05
	C B Tyler, 11 d	16 50
	J S Annis, 14 d	21 00
	G H Clark and team, 4 d, 5 h	13 50
	F M Tyler " 7 d	21 00
	H R Howe, 6 d	9 00
	N Burk, Jr, 15 d,	22 50
	George Brill and team, 5 d, 7 h	17 10

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	John Blake, 7 days,	\$10 50
	S J Hutchins, 2 d	3 00
	Leon Tyler, 1 d, 1 h	1 65
	Nelson Brill, 11 d	16 50
	A A Foss and team, 2 d	6 00
	E L Morse, 4 h	60
	Sam Howe and team, 2 d	6 00
	K L Howe, 6 d	9 00
	S Mardin, 1 d	1 50
	Birt Cox, blacksmith bill,	2 53
	Birt Cox, plank	1 25
	W W Eastman, logs,	5 50
July.	O L Mann, 2 d	3 00
	J Ramsey, 1 d, 7 h	2 55
	W M Mardin, 2 d, 7 h	4 50
Sept.	" 2 h	30
	O L Mann, 3 d	4 50
	W S Nutter and team, 2 d	6 00
	George Brill and team, 2 d	6 00
	J S Annis, 2 d	3 00
	A Spooner, 2 d	3 00
	Joseph Pettis, 1 d	1 50
	C A Veazey, 3 h	45
	J Spinney, 1 d	1 50
Oct.	O L Mann, 1 d, 8 h	2 20
	Sam Howe and team, 1 d	3 00
	J Spinney, 1 d	1 50
Nov.	O L Mann and team, 1 d 5 h	4 50
	" 1 d, 3 h	1 95
	Sam Howe and team, 1 d, 8 h	5 40
	J Spinney, 1 d, 3 h	1 95
Dec.	O L Mann, 5 h	75

1900.

Jan.	O L Mann, 4 h	\$ 60
	W S Nutter and team, 6 h,	1 80
Feb.	O L Mann, 1 d, 4 h	2 10
	Sam Howe and team, 5 h	1 50
	L A Collins and team, 6 h	1 80
	H R Howe, work on his road and logs	5 50
	L H Parker, plank and logs for highway	24 49
	E A Mardin, 1 d	1 50
	W M Mardin, 2 d	3 00
	David Burke, 3 h	45
	S J Hutchins, 3 h	45
	S Mardin, 1 d, 9 h	2 32
	F M Tyler, 4 d, 7 h	7 05
	O L Mann, 1 d	1 50
	E B Mann & Co., dynamite caps and fuse	11 79
	A S Muir, " " "	2 00
	Herman Morrill, 1 d, 6 h	2 40
	Sam Howe and team, 1 d, 2 h	3 60
	John Blake, 1 d cutting bushes side of road	1 50
	J H Keyser, 4 d " " "	6 00
	A E Tyler, 1 d " " "	1 50
		\$524 32

D. H. Tibbitts, Agent.

1899.

April.	D H Tibbitts, 4 d, 9 h breaking roads and fixing bridges at \$1.50	7 35
May.	D H Tibbitts, 9 d	13 50
	" freight on scraper	36
	" 6 d for plow	1 50
	James Crimmins and team, 2 d at \$3	6 00
	Joseph Pike, 5 d	7 50

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	George Belyea and team, 1 d	\$ 3 00
	Will Tibbitts, 8 days,	12 00
	D H Tibbitts, team and man, 9 days	27 00
	George King, 1 d	1 50
	Harry Little, 5 d	7 50
	Harry Fifield, 4 d	6 00
	George Jeffers, 397 feet plank at 12	4 76
July.	D H Tibbitts, 3 d, 4 h	5 00
Aug.	“ and team 4 d	12 00
	“ 5 h	75
Oct.	“ 5 d	7 50
	“ man and team, 2 d	6 00
	H N Merrill, plank for highway	20 89
Nov.	D H Tibbitts, 2 d	3 00
	“ fixing bridge	2 00
1900.		
Jan.-Feb.,	D H Tibbitts, breaking roads, 1 d, 5 h	2 25
	“ “ “ & team “	1 50
	Wm Tibbitts, “ “ 2 d, 3 h	3 45
	Leon Tibbitts, “ 1 d, 2 h	1 80
	Geo. Belyea, “ 8 d	12 00
		\$176 11

WATER TROUGHS.

L H Parker,	3 00
L A Collins,	3 00
A E Tyler,	1 50
D H Tibbitts,	3 00
C A Veazey,	3 00
Geo. Belyea,	3 00
	\$16 50

ASSETS.

P. W. Allen, Collector, 1895.

Deeds due of F. Hill homestead, the receipts show
the tax of said year to be paid, but due
from collector, \$ 34 40

F. Hill, C. F. Morrill farm, 24 96

W. W. Eastman, Collector, 1887.

Lot No. 41, G 3 division, 12 53

F. Hill, C. F. Morrill farm, 16 52

W. B. Page for Eben Morse, 1-2 lot, 14 G, 1 84

J. H. Keyser, Collector, 1891.

F. Hill, C. F. Morrill farm, 8 43

J. H. Keyser, Collector, 1892.

Charles Eaton, part C. C. Clough farm, 20 16

J. H. Keyser, Collector, 1895.

A. W. Putnam heirs', pasture land, 6 40

J. B. Lindsey, 8 acres, part Hazen Whitcher
farm, 3 27

W. W. Eastman, Collector, 1896.

N. Burke homestead, 13 02

W. W. Eastman, for E. R. Weeks, C. F.
Morrill farm. 8 19

J. H. Keyser, Collector, 1897.

J. B. Lindsay, 8 acres, Hazen Whitcher farm, 3 71

N. Burke homestead, 11 48

J. H. Keyser, Collector, 1898.

J. B. Lindsey, 8 acres, Hazen Whitcher farm, 5 19

Joseph Plant, 13 acres pasture land, 5 25

George Silver, 80 acres, lot No. 10 G, 8 89

Mrs. A. R. Gerry, homestead, 10 99

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W. W. Eastman, homestead,	\$45 67
B. M. Tyler, Torsey lot,	5 69
Mrs. S. J. Hutchins, homestead,	11 12

J. H. Keyser, Collector, 1899.

William Fitts, homestead,	27 12
Frank Shallow, E. L. Page place,	19 56
S. J. Hutchins, 7 acres, C. Smith farm,	4 03
F. L. Badger, old Jeffers farm,	7 79
“ “ part J. M. Harriman farm,	3 29
S. S. Bartlett, lot No. 40 G,	7 79
James Jewell, 1400 acres, parcel No. 4, undivided lands,	25 79
G. W. Mann, note for redemption of G. F. Hurl- but place, to date,	30 00
Alvin Brill, note for school house,	36 45
J. H. Keyser, on his collection, 1898,	121 67
“ “ 1899,	129 98
Cash on hand,	191 24
	\$ 862 38

LIABILITIES.

William Kendall, note dated Jan. 2, 1897, at 4 1-2c.	\$738 59
Total Assets, Feb. 15, 1900,	\$862 38
Total Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1900,	738 59
	\$123 79
We have 72 chairs and seats for Town hall, price,	\$32 40
Through the efforts of the Dramatic Club we re- ceived as a donation from the club,	\$27 69

We have examined the accounts of officers and find them accurately kept and properly vouched.

C. A. VEASEY, }
Auditors.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Paid orders in District No. 5 :

Mrs. Ida Annis, cleaning,	\$ 2 00
Mr. Hill, order book and blanks,	86
Edna W. Tyler, teaching and board,	60 00
Alma Annis, cleaning,	75
Edna W. Tyler, teaching and board,	60 00
W. W. Eastman, wood,	16 00
Henry S. Noyes, teaching and board,	60 00
John Cox, building fires,	2 00

\$201 61

No. 6.

Paid Mrs. Anna Hurlbutt, cleaning,	2 00
Jennie F. Veazey, teaching and board,	60 00
Mrs. S. J. Hutchins, cleaning,	75
Theodore G. Bashaw, teaching and board,	60 00
Theodore G. Bashaw, travelling expenses,	5 00
S. J. Hutchins, wood,	12 50
Mrs. Anna Hurlbutt, cleaning,	45
T. G. Bashaw, teaching and board,	60 00

T. G. Bashaw, building fires,	\$2 00	
Mrs. W. Mardin, carrying scholars,	5 00	
C. A. Veazey, for repairs,	2 20	
		\$209 90
		\$411 51
Feb. 20. Paid Ervin Mardin for carry-		
ing scholars,	\$6 00	
Feb. 22. Paid Joseph Ramsey for		
carrying scholars,	4 00	10 00
		\$421 51

RECEIPTS.

Received of Town Treasurer,	\$300 00
Literary Fund,	29 07
Balance in Treasurer's hands, 1898,	{ 55 06
	{ 6 00
Received of Treasurer of Landaff for tuition	6 00
Dog Tax,	14 00
Town of Easton, for tuition	2 00
	\$412 13
Due town from P. Oakes, for tuition, one	
scholar one term,	2 00
“ “ Franconia, for tuition, two	
scholars one term,	4 00
	\$418 13
Overdrawn,	\$3 38

We have employed four different teachers who have toiled day by day for the advancement of the pupils.

The discipline has been good. No complaints entered.

We would urge upon the parents the importance of visiting the schools in their district, thus encouraging both teacher and pupil.

The spring and fall terms in District No 5 were taught by Miss Edna W. Tyler, The winter term was taught by Henry S. Noyes.

Three terms of ten weeks each have been taught in each of the schools in town.

The spring term in District No. 6 was taught by Miss Jennie F. Veazey. The fall and winter terms were taught by Theodore G. Bashaw. The work was satisfactory in both schools.

During the spring term the children in both districts solicited money to purchase flags, which were raised at each school, June 17, after which both schools united in giving appropriate exercises at the town hall.

RUTH J. VEAZEY,	}	School Board
FRED M. TYLER,		of
MINNIE S. NUTTER,		Benton.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	\$41 00
Received of town treasurer by order	
from Selectmen,	15 00

\$56 00

EXPENSES.

Paid for Books,	\$26 00
“ Librarian,	12 00

Freight and express, books,	75	\$38 75
Balance on hand,		<u>\$17 25</u>

A catalogue of books is in hands of printers to be paid for.
There are now 168 volumes in the library.

WILLIAM KENDALL, } Trustees.

Marrriages Registered in the Town of Benton for the Year Ending December 31, 1899.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age of Groom and Bride	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of birth of each	Names of Parents	Occupation of Parents	No. of Marriage	Name, residence, and of- ficial station of person by whom married
Jan 27 '99	Bath	James Ramsey Mertie B French	Benton	33 22	w w	Farmer Domestic	Canada Chelsea Vt	Joseph Ramsey E C French	Farmer	1	C E Clough clergy- man Swiftwater

Births Registered in the Town of Benton for the Year Ending December 31, 1899.

Date of Birth	Place	Name of child, if any	Sex	Lv or stlbn	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Father's age	M'ther's age
July 6 '99	Benton		m	f	White	W J Eastman	Lula M Cox	Benton	Farmer	Easton	Benton	24	19
" 24			m	m		Hugh Dexter	J O'Keefe		Farmer	Lisbon	Claremontville, P Q	22	24
Aug 14		John Walter	m	m		Joseph Peltier	J Camier		Farmer	Canada	Canada	44	37
Sept 24		Mary I	f	f		A E Tyler	Isabelle Muir		Farmer	Benton	Bathurst N B	45	38

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton for the year Ending December 31, 1899.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Condition	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother	Disease or cause of Death	Name and P. O. address of physician reporting death
			Years Mos. Days									
Feb 7 '99	Benton	Samuel E. Howe,	86	710 Benton,	M	White		Farmer,	Daniel Howe,	Phoebe Eaton,	Pneumonia.	E. M. Miller Woodsville.
Mar 15 '99	Benton	Samuel C. Annis,	83	1016 Bath,	M	White		Farmer,	Joseph Annis,	Currier,	Old Age.	L. N. Eastman, Woodsville.
May 10 '99	Benton	C. T. Collins,	68	9 350 th b'o, Ms	M	White		Farmer,	Temple Collins,	Sally Flagg,	Apoplexy.	G. E. Davenport, Bath.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. H. KEYSER, Town Clerk.

